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TAGS: CASC, APER, AFSP: VISAS FOR LEBANON
SUBJECT: VISA REQUIREMENT FOR LEBANON

1. LEBANESE SURETE GENERALE ANNOUNCED THAT COMMENCING APRIL
TENTH NATIONALS OF ANY COUNTRY OTHER THAN SYRIA MUST BE IN
POSSESSION OF VALID LEBANESE VISA IN ORDER TO ENTER COUNTRY.
PRACTICE OF ISSUING VISAS OR ENTRY PERMITS AT BORDER-CROSSING
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POINTS AND AIRPORT WILL STOP. FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISES THIS
DOES NOT APPLY TO HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS
WHO WILL CONTINUE TO BE OFFERED VISAS AT PORT OF ENTRY.
NEVERTHELESS, WE MUST EXPECT THAT THERE WILL BE SOME CONFUSION
AND HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS SHOULD IF POSSIBLE
OBTAIN VISAS BEFORE ENTRY.

2. PERSONS WHO TRANSIT THE AIRPORT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE VISAS SO LONG AS THEY DO NOT LEAVE THE TERMINAL, BUT PASSENGERS WOULD BE WELL-ADVISED TO HAVE VISAS IN THEIR PASSPORTS. THIS IS BECAUSE FLIGHTS ARE FREQUENTLY CANCELLED AND OVER-BOOKED AND, AS A RESULT, THOSE WHO PLAN ONLY TO PASS THROUGH AIRPORT MAY FIND THEMSELVES STAYING OVER NIGHT.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS AS WELL AS PASSPORT OFFICES OF THIS CHANGE.

4. SURETE ADVISES THAT PERSONS IN SYRIA MUST SUBMIT VISA APPLICATIONS TO SYRIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICE IN DAMASCUS. THESE APPLICATIONS WILL BE IN TURN BE REFERRED TO LEBANESE SURETE. APPROVAL WILL BE SENT TO PORT OF ENTRY BY CABLE, WHETHER BORDER PORT OF AIRPORT.
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